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## COMMUNISTS ARE SOCIAL HYENAS

Delegates to the A. F. of L. convention at New Orleans agreed that the Communists would tear the trade union movement to pieces.

From every section of the United States and Canada came the same story—the "red" movement is a haven for money getters, spies, communists and agents provocateurs, just as was the I. W. O. W.

Hosiery workers on strike in Kenosha, Wis., reported that the secretary of the Communist Party in that city was exposed as a private detective.

Miners' delegates stated that the Ohio and Pennsylvania Relief Committee was organized in Pittsburgh by 12 "reds" who were thrown out of New York City needle trawlers' unions.

This committee raised hundreds of thousands of dollars from gullible trade unionists and sympathizers. The money was directed into revolutionary channels and for the personal benefit of promoters.

No accounting has been made and only the "insiders" know details of the fund.

These "insiders" would occasionally buy a car load of provisions that would be distributed among sympathizers. The car would be photographed and the pictures used as an alibi.

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Outwardly they pose as reformers—until they secure a foothold. Inwardly they consider treachery and falsehood is justifiable if the revolution can be advanced.

They are not interested in improving the workers' condition—this delays their revolution. Even strikes and resultant suffering is used as propaganda for the day.

The revolution they talk of is not only political, but social, ethical, moral and economic. They scorn pledges between men when a violation of such pledge may aid their cause.

They ridicule every right relation between men. With honeyed words they carefully worm their way into the unions, first to control and then to destroy.

They are encouraged by the National Association of Manufacturers, who recently called on anti-union business men to aid the "reds" in distracting the attention of workers who would challenge autocracy in industry.

These employers well know that agitation for a new social order in the future will not endanger their profits or their present control of workers who are compelled to accept anti-union living standards.

Neither revolution nor reaction can fit into American ideals. Communists and autocratic employers have the same objective—destruction of trade union life for the future.

Workers should not be swayed by emotion. They should face facts. In the unions, workers depend upon themselves; they have a voice in shaping their own future.

They surrender that power when they trust revolution or reaction. Therein is the reason why these two forces oppose organized labor.

## Farmers Could Glut World's Markets; Modern Methods Overthrow Old Theory

At Kansas, Dec. 8.—Improved farm machinery and modern methods of production have enabled the farmer to produce more than enough to supply the domestic market.

He has smashed the Malthusian theory, said Prof. F. M. E. Baer of the University of California, who is representative of the modern farmer.

He is an eighteenth century English agricultural writer. He developed the theory that eventually the world would be faced with an inadequate food supply due to overpopulation. Prof. Baer told the commercial fertilizer.

Modern methods of production of food is far ahead of population growth. The farmer is not a glutton. He is a producer. He is a man of peace. He is a man of peace. He is a man of peace.

## Modern Work Methods For Chinese; American Ideals Filter To Far East

New York, Dec. 8.—Abolition of child labor, the eight-hour day and partial profit-sharing in Chinese industry is proposed by Dr. H. H. Kung, minister of industry, commerce and labor of the Chinese Nationalist government, according to Shanghai cables to the New York Times.

American labor standards are responsible for the change, it is stated.

The Nationalists defeated the Manchurian war lords and are functioning as a government. They are opposed by Imperialists and by Communists who call themselves "trade unionists."

Dr. Kung's proposal is one of the most important administrative acts of the Nationalist government.

Workers' increased living standards would include prohibition of child labor under 14 years of age. Boys and girls above the age of 14 and below 16 will be considered as minors and will only be permitted to engage in light work. The eight-hour day and regulations covering dismissal of workers will also be included.

"When it is remembered that China, as well as most countries in the Orient, has considered women and children the cheapest form of labor, working them from 12 to 14 hours a day, the importance of these proposed changes can readily be seen," the cables state.

"The influence of American labor laws is noticeable throughout Mr. Kung's proposal. The Minister, like many others in the Nanking Cabinet, were educated in American universities, and was a close student of social problems in the United States and of law bettering labor's condition."

Other articles of the proposal pertain to recreational facilities for factory employees more than 30 workers. The law would require that the course of each day and at least an 18-hour week-end holiday. When it is realized that the coöpe type of labor, as advocated by American artists, customarily have worked from one year's end to the next with scarcely a holiday in a lifetime, the revolutionary character of the bill may be understood.

"The difficulties of enforcing the act are appreciated, but Dr. Kung's action is regarded as a long step toward betterment of the workers' lives."

## FREE SPEECH RIGHT UPHOLD BY WORKERS

New Orleans, Dec. 8.—Free speech, free press and free assembly must be protected, declared the A. F. of L. convention in this city.

"The fundamental principles of civil liberty are necessary to democratic government," the convention's report stated.

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"The constitutional guarantees of free speech, press and assembly have been restricted by action of the courts and by certain laws passed in some states."

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## UNION AGREEMENT UPHOLD

The impartial chairman of the cloak and suit industry in New York City has ruled that a jobber firm can not buy non-union garments in the "open."

The International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union and employers have an agreement against this practice.

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## POST OFFICE CHIEF UPHOLDS UNIONISTS

New Orleans, Dec. 8.—At the 1917 A. F. of L. convention a demand was made by organized labor, at the request of organized postal workers, that Postmaster General Burleson be removed from office because of his denial of workers' rights.

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## OFFICIALS RE-ELECTED; MEET IN TORONTO, 1929

New Orleans, Dec. 8.—President Green, Secretary Frank Morrison, Treasurer Martin F. Ryan and the eight vice presidents of the A. F. of L. were unanimously re-elected at the closing session of the A. F. of L. convention in this city.

William J. Rooney, representing the Sheet Metal Workers' International Association, and William J. Rooney, representing the American Flint Glass Workers' International Association, and William J. Rooney, representing the American Flint Glass Workers' International Association, were elected delegates to the British Trades Union Congress.

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## FAULTY ACCOUNTING CAUSES P. O. LOSS

New Orleans, Dec. 8.—The A. F. of L. convention again called for a business-like system of accounting in the Post Office Department and thereby allged "deficits" that heralded throughout the country whenever postal employees ask for improvement.

The resolution was presented by postal employee delegates. These delegates charged that the Post Office Department was "losing" money and that the postal service was a public welfare service.

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## "BREAKING POINT" EXISTS IN EVERY MAN

New York, Dec. 8.—"Every man has a breaking point," said Warren G. B. Lawes, who is in control of Sing Sing Penitentiary.

"Actually every man has a breaking point," said Warren G. B. Lawes. "It is all a matter of effective treatment. No one is born to crime; heredity may predispose, but weakness is never predominant as to compelling."

"There is no virtue in learning. It is the value of one when it is socialized. It is my personal opinion that our schools, for the most part, do not do it."

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## WRECKED STEAMSHIP NOT INSPECTED

New York, Dec. 8.—Incompetency of the United States Steamship Inspection Service was indicated by Edward Keane, a veteran of the service, who testified at the Federal investigation of the wreck of the *Vesta*.

On the printed form of the *Vesta* inspection Keane had written "Yes" to the question as to whether the lifeboats had been lowered. He testified at the hearing that because the *Vesta* was surrounded by darkness and lighters at the time he did not see the lifeboats.

He admitted that in not explaining all the facts, he was guilty of carelessness. He said he partly examined the boat's log books when the ship was under way. He examined four of the seven logs on each side, he said, and reported all ports sound, including six that he had not inspected.

"It is a common practice," he said, "for inspectors to cite a ship as safe, to be prudent as to what to examine all ports possible. Lots of letters from seamen are used to make it necessary to report that all people have not been inspected."

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## HIGH COST OF BUILDING NOT TRACED TO WORKERS

Washington, Dec. 8.—Reports issued by the United States Labor Statistics do not uphold the claim that high wages are responsible for the high cost of building.

The reports show that the cost of a one-family house in the United States is \$13,000. The lowest was in St. Louis, Mo., at \$11,000. The highest was in Baltimore, Md., at \$15,000.

## "THIRD DEGREE" HIT BY HIGH COURT RULE

Baton Rouge, La., Dec. 8.—"Third degree" method to obtain confessions from criminals was denounced by the United States Supreme Court in a decision handed down today.

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## MONEY GETTERS BUSY IN TEXTILE INDUSTRY

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## TWO UNIONS AGREE

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